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This is David B. Hill's last day on earth as a politician. Henceforth he will live in privacy and doubtless seek forgiveness for the many sins he has committed.

If the publicity given Tom Lawson's disclosures written at space rates can affect stocks as it has what might not be expected from the policy of publicity in corporate affairs recommended by the President.

Can't the forestry Commission recommend something to stop the reckless slaughter of the forests at Christmas for Christmas trees? It is estimated that a million thrifty young evergreens have been destroyed this year.

Editor William R. Hearst, in an interview at Washington, states that he will not again be a candidate for President. He retires from office-holding, he says, because he believes his political work will be less subject to misrepresentation and consequently more effective if he is not a candidate for office.

Of course the Fairmont West Virginian is proud. The Wheeling Intelligence copied something from it and credited it to the State Journal-Parkersburg State Journal.

Of course, the West Virginian is proud and the State Journal must be too, otherwise it would have mentioned the Intelligence's mistake sooner.

By an appropriation of Congress the Jefferson L.P., called "The Morals of Jesus," and consisting of the life and sayings of Jesus Christ, separated from the original context, has been published. It is an interesting work, worthy of preservation, and an act of Congress requiring members and Senators to read it would not be amiss.

This dispensary law continues to cause much discussion. As it gives newspapers plenty to talk about in slow times and will never grow large enough to hurt anybody, we can stand for the fun.—Wheeling News.

It appears from the above that the News stands now where most people stood two years ago—considers the dispensary question a joke—nothing more, nothing less.

Success, says the Wheeling Telegraph, points in the direction of State Senator Oliver Marshall, of Hancock county, for President of the State Senate. Senator Marshall was elected to that position some years ago, defeating the slated candidate. That was at a time when he had the assistance of the Hon. C. W. Swisher, Secretary of State-elect. The latter on the same occasion beat the slate-makers for the position of either sergeant-at-arms or door-keeper of the Senate. Senator Marshall may not be so fortunate this time as to have the assistance of our townsman, Senator Northcott, of Huntington, is the slated candidate for President, it is said, and in his case Senator Swisher is probably one of the slate-makers. Under such circumstances we are inclined to the opinion that Senator Northcott will be the winner.

STILL JUMPING ON PARKER.

Some of Parker's old newspaper supporters are still jumping on that unfortunate person. One of them points out that in the "thirteen Southern States, including Maryland, in which Parker electors were chosen, the total vote was 2,033,226," while in the "thirty-two States, excluding Maryland, in which Roosevelt electors were chosen, the total vote was 11,475,270." Thus, while Parker got 24 per cent. of the electors, his States cast only 15 per cent. of the total popular vote. Parker's aggregate plurality in the thirteen Southern States was only 25,000 more than Roosevelt's plurality in Pennsylvania.

This is a bad showing for Parker. It would be still worse if Maryland had been counted for the Republicans, as a plurality of its voters intended it should be.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

SERVING NOTICE.

Democratic papers of influence are largely in the business of "serving" notice. The Cincinnati Enquirer has "served." The New York Times gets out its hammer and tongs. It asks for a little candor on the part of the South and West. If they want Bryan let them say so. "If now the gentlemen of the Bryan part of the country really ache to set their feet once more in the path of disaster and death let them say so." This is defiance with a ring to it, and thus the job of reorganization goes merrily on.—Huntington Herald.

Mrs. Chadwick says it will take months to tell her side of the story. The other side can be told in a word: "Sold."

An Interesting Meeting.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of the First M. E. Church, met at the home of Mrs. O. J. Fleming last evening, and a few hours pregnant with interest and instruction became their portion. Quite a number of the members were present as well as two visitors, Mrs. J. C. Miller and Mrs. Amanda McFarland. Mrs. McFarland gave quite a talk upon her experiences in Alaska and elsewhere, as a missionary, and her words were listened to with great interest by these earnest workers in missionary fields.

Miss Ethel Fleming furnished enjoyable music at intervals during the evening, and at the close of the meeting delicious refreshments, consisting of fruit salad, whipped cream, cake and coffee, were served.

More Coal About New Town.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 30.—In Independence township yesterday the Pittsburg and Washington Coal Company purchased about 2,000 acres of coal land. A new town is being built to be called "Kenton" and work on the construction of a block of 149 houses has been started. An application for a postoffice has been granted. The new town is on the Wabash road. The coal company is composed of Pittsburg and Washington capitalists.

Will Be Monday.

Through a little carelessness, we made the mention of the Y. M. C. A. "open house" as though it would be on Sunday, January first. As a matter of fact it will occur on Monday, the second, and Secretary Hawley is endeavoring to make it a very entertaining and enjoyable affair. There is one exception to the Monday part of the programme, and that is Rev. Stoetzer's address which will be given on Sunday afternoon.

How about having a baby's picture taken? See Howard, the photographer, 106 Main street.

All of the latest telegraphic and local news will be found in the West Virginian.

THE OIL FIELDS

West of Mannington, this county, the Delmar Oil Co. drilled its No. 4 on the J. L. & J. Hays farm into the second pay and will have a producer good for 150 barrels a day.

In the same district the South Penn Oil Co. has drilled its No. 5 on the C. S. Pitzer farm into the first pay and has a light show of oil. It is now drilling to the second pay and may improve. North of developments in the South Penn Company is drilling in the top of the sand at its test on the J. C. Baker farm.

Trees & Benedum have given their No. 1 on the J. L. Holden farm a shot and increased its production to 30 barrels an hour. South of developments, the Southern Oil Co. & Greenlee have completed a test on the Homer Beatty farm and will have a 10 or 15-barrel pumper.

In the Salem district, Harrison county, the South Penn Company has given its test on the A. E. Davis farm a shot and it bridged over. It showed for a very light well. In the Wallace district, the same company has drilled its second test on the Elsie Lambert farm 40 feet into the strata and has developed no oil or gas. The same company has started to drill deeper its second test on the R. V. Thompson farm.

In the Pine Grove extension, Wetzel county, the South Penn Oil Co. has drilled its No. 2 on the Rosa Potts and No. 3 on the M. E. Greathouse farms through the Gordon and will give them a shot.

In the Smithfield district, the same company has drilled its No. 3 on the James Batson farm through the Gordon and will try to increase its production with a shot. The Southern Oil Company and Greenlee's No. 3 on the S. P. McDougal farm is holding up 100 barrels a day.

BAR ASSOCIATION

ELECTED OFFICERS.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 31.—The twentieth annual session of the West Virginia Bar Association closed here last evening and will meet next year in Fairmont. This has been the red-letter meeting of the association. The officers elected are:

President—Judge John W. Mason, of Fairmont.

Vice Presidents.

First district—B. S. Allison, Wheeling.

Second district—Ira E. Robinson, Gratton.

Third district—W. E. R. Byrne, Charleston.

Fourth district—W. E. Haymond, Sutton.

Fifth district—T. A. D. Preston, Beckley.

Secretary—W. G. Peterkin, Parkersburg.

Executive Council—Henry M. Russell, Wheeling; W. P. Wiley, Morgantown; B. M. Ambler, Parkersburg; C. W. Dillon, Fayetteville; W. E. Chilton, Charleston.

Delegates to American Bar Association—James F. Brown, Charleston; W. G. Bennett, Weston; N. C. Hubbard, Wheeling.

A resolution was passed asking the United States Senators from West Virginia to urge the ratification of the treaties with the Central and South American States proposed at the second Pan-American congress in Mexico in 1903.

Case Was Dismissed.

The case of Tennant vs. Patton was dismissed by Justice Amos last evening with the cost on the plaintiff. The justice was satisfied that the boy had traded more than once on his own hook, and that on previous occasions when he got the better of the other fellow, no protest was heard from the old man.

ADVERTISED RAID DISGUSTS POLICE.

Somebody Told All About It and the Only Man Arrested Was Sound Asleep.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Captain Patrick Murphy, of the Adams street police station, Brooklyn, made a raid yesterday afternoon upon an alleged poolroom in the Temple Bar Building under somewhat discouraging circumstances. That the captain and his detectives were to visit the place had become noised about, so that when action was taken it was in the presence of a crowd of curious citizens, newspaper reporters, artists and photographers.

Nothing was found that seemed to indicate the existence of an illegal resort or business. One man found asleep on a chair was taken in custody.

Before noon the adjournment of the Adams street police court, Harry Kelly and Clarence King, who said they lived in Manhattan, obtained from Magistrate Tighe warrants for certain persons alleged to be connected with the place.

The fact that the warrant had been issued became known over the entire district, and it was this fact that caused the police captain to start with astonishment as he and his men arrived by different routes at the building. They found the door of the room, in which it was sworn the poolselling was conducted, slightly ajar, and entered to find several office desks and the sleeping man.

Kelly, in his affidavit, swore he had won \$4,500 in the room, which he could not collect. Both men swore they had played there several times and that one of the proprietors was the son of a Brooklyn politician who died some time ago.

TROLLEY LINE TO ERIE.

Proposed Route Also Aims to Take in Cambridge Springs.

SHARON, Pa., Dec. 31.—Pittsburg capital is largely interested in the building of the proposed trolley line connecting Cambridge Springs, Erie and Pittsburg. The plans of the company have just been learned. About 90 miles of track will be laid from Cambridge Springs to New Castle. The cost of building the line and equipping it will be upward of \$1,500,000. The cars will be as large as railroad coaches.

Murry A. Verner, of Pittsburg, is largely interested in the line, although he is not mentioned as one of the incorporators. It is also understood that J. M. Guffey and Julian Kennedy of Pittsburg are stockholders.

I have some fine lots in Morrow place yet. H. H. Lanham.

GEN. KUROPATKIN ALWAYS SANGUINE.

"Send Me Good Soldiers," He Says, "and I Will Surely Accomplish the Task."

MOSCOW, Dec. 31.—Danchenko, the newspaper correspondent, telegraphs an account of an interview which he had with General Kuropatkin. He declares the commander-in-chief is in fine physical condition, always sanguine, and now absolutely convinced of ultimate victory. Kuropatkin, Danchenko says, looks and acts as he did before Plevna.

"Let them send me good soldiers," the General is quoted as saying, "and I will accomplish the task. Examine the positions of the troops. You will see a great change since the autumn. Write the facts. It is better than the people at home should know the truth than hear praise on one side and slander on the other. The troops are in good spirits and well sheltered and clothed. There are some deficiencies but I am more than satisfied. The health of the men is splendid. The percentage of sick less than in time of peace, which is attributed to good aid and the absence of the evils of barrack life."

Danchenko, says Kuropatkin, is the hardest worked man in the army.

FOR NEW PROMOTION PLAN.

Secretary Morton Believes Navy Officers Should Be Advanced By Selection Instead of Seniority.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—There are strong indications that the question of promotion by selection in the navy will soon be vigorously agitated. Officers are now promoted by seniority. The selection system prevails in the army.

Secretary Morton believes in promotion by selection on merit, and it is said the President agrees with him. There is, however, no likelihood of legislation by Congress on this subject at the present session. There is a strong movement among naval officers in favor of the scheme.

Opponents of this system express fear that it would not be conducted on merit alone, but that there would be brought into play a vast amount of social, official and political influence to persuade the President to promote officers over the heads of their seniors.

A proposition to give midshipmen only three years' instruction in the Naval Academy and then send them to sea is now receiving attention in the Navy Department, because of the pressure for junior officers to fill watch and division billets.

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